



## **FLORENCE CITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2007**

The City Council of the City of Florence, Kentucky met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Florence Government Center with Mayor Diane E. Whalen presiding in the Chair.

### **CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME, & ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Whalen called the regular meeting to order and declared the Regular Session to be open for the presentation of all City business.

The roll was called and the following members of Council registered present: Mel Carroll, Dale Stephens, David A. Osborne, Vice Mayor Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Betsy Conrad, and Ted Bushelman.

Also present were Mayor Diane E. Whalen, City Coordinator Patricia J. Wingo, City Attorney Hugh O. Skees, Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench, Information Technology Director Colin Campbell, Police Chief Tom Szurlinski, Public Services Director Bob Townsend, City Engineer Bill Viox, Police Officer Patrick Cottingham, Administrative Assistant Donna Smith, Florence Freedom Owner Clint Brown, Mike Klahr (8759 Skyview Drive), J. Kelly Huff (1160 Tamarack Circle), Larry Braden (44 Kathryn Avenue), Linda Holbrook (44 Kathryn Avenue), Videographer Jerry Schrepfer, Kentucky Enquirer Reporter Brenna Kelly, Florence Recorder Reporter Lindsay Kottmann, and City Clerk Joe Christofield.

### **MINUTES:**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2007 regular meeting of Council. Councilmember Bushelman so moved, with second from Councilmember Conrad. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

Mayor Whalen called for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2007 special meeting of Council. Councilmember Conrad so moved, with second from Councilmember Osborne. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

### **PROCLAMATION:**

Mayor Whalen read a proclamation declaring the week of March 26, 2007 as Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities Awareness Week in the City of Florence.

### **MUNICIPAL ORDER:**

Mayor Whalen presented the following Municipal Order for consideration:

**MUNICIPAL ORDER NO. MO-12-07:** A MUNICIPAL ORDER APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MIKE KLAHR TO THE CITY OF FLORENCE, KENTUCKY URBAN FOREST COMMISSION FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM.

Councilmember Carroll moved, with second from Councilmember Stephens, that Municipal Order MO-12-07 be approved as reviewed. **Council approved by unanimous vote.**

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**PRESENTATION:**

Mayor Whalen introduced Florence Freedom Owner Clint Brown who gave a presentation to City Council regarding the upcoming Florence Freedom baseball season. Additional discussion followed.

**DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Whalen recognized Fire/EMS Chief Marc Muench regarding the disposition of the 1983 Seagrave fire engine (3831). He said the engine would be sold through a bidding process, open to the public as well as private bidders. Additional discussion followed. Chief Muench also advised the Department's new rescue engine would be in service by the weekend. Additional discussion followed.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

Mayor Whalen advised the five (5) Northern Kentucky cities which are not members of the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky (Florence, Union, Walton, Crescent Springs, and Erlanger) would no longer have its own programming aired on public access television according to a court settlement reached this week between Insight Communications and the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky. She said the City Council meetings would no longer be aired live, but would be re-broadcasted. Additional discussion followed.

Mayor Whalen advised of free income tax return help through Sunday, April 15 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Fridays at the Boone County library located on U.S. 42 in Florence.

Mayor Whalen advised of the City's annual Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 7 at 10 a.m. at Champion Window Field, home of the Florence Freedom.

Mayor Whalen advised of the mime/clown show scheduled for Tuesday, April 10 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Florence Mall.

Mayor Whalen advised of the Florence Freedom Opening Day scheduled for Wednesday, May 23 at 7:05 p.m. at Champion Window Field.

Mayor Whalen advised of Duke Energy's Heroes 'basketball' Game (between Northern Kentucky police and fire departments) scheduled for Saturday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at Lloyd Memorial High School (Proceeds support Transitions INC.).

**CITY COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

There was no report given by City Coordinator Pat Wingo.

**OTHER:**

Mayor Whalen asked if any Councilmember desired recognition; Vice Mayor Metzger noted she had a good time during the Lane's End Stakes on Saturday at Turfway Park.

Councilmember Stephens advised he was cancer (lung) free and he thanked everyone for their support over the nine months.

Vice Mayor Metzger asked whether or not people who go door to door have to have a license; Police Chief Tom Szurlinski said people who are selling must have an occupational license (unless selling books and magazines). He added there is no registration ordinance within the City, meaning people do not have to report to the Department they are selling in the City. He also advised people to be aware of scams. Additional discussion followed.

Mayor Whalen asked if any department head desired recognition; Chief Szurlinski advised of the Department's annual Police Memorabilia Show scheduled for Saturday, April 7 at 8:30 a.m. in Community Rooms A, B, & C of the Florence Government Center.

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Mayor Whalen asked if anyone in the audience desired recognition; Larry Braden of 44 Kathryn Avenue addressed City Council regarding the missing basketball goals at Stringtown Park as well as the recent construction at the Florence/Boone County Skate Park. Chief Szurlinski advised the basketball goals were removed due to ongoing nuisance issues at Stringtown Park. Public Services Director Bob Townsend advised the construction at the Skate Park involves adding sidewalks and railings by City crews. Additional discussion followed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There was no need for City Council to go into Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Whalen called for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Bushelman so moved, with second from Councilmember Conrad, and **unanimous approval of Council**, the time being 7:36 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Diane E. Whalen, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Joseph A. Christofield, City Clerk

